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RECOGNIZING THE SPRING SWING SUN SAFETY PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN MOFFITT CANCER CENTER AND MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

HON. W. GREGORY STEUBE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 11, 2022

Mr. STEUBE. Madam Speaker, my colleague, Mr. DONALDS from Florida, and I are grateful to recognize the Spring Swing Sun Safety partnership between Moffitt Cancer Center and Major League Baseball. This partnership works to prevent skin cancer by offering sun safety education and free skin cancer screenings at Spring Training baseball games. Such efforts are important here in Florida, the Sunshine State, where we see a high incidence of melanoma and other deadly forms of skin cancer.

We are pleased, therefore, to join with Moffitt Cancer Center and Major League Baseball to raise awareness to combat this disease. It is important to limit sun exposure when possible, wear sunscreen if you are in the sun, and have your skin checked by a health care professional once a year. We hope all baseball fans safely enjoy Florida's sunshine and the great tradition of Spring Training baseball in our state.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF ORVAL MULLEN'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 11, 2022

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Orval Mullen, an outstanding citizen from Van Wert, Ohio who will celebrate his 100th birthday on February 22, 2022. Orval has led a long, productive life, and his family is very grateful to have the opportunity to celebrate this significant birthday with him. Reaching this momentous milestone provides the opportunity to recognize Orval's many accomplishments in life, but especially his service to our country.

During World War II, Orval served as a field lineman in the Eighth Regiment of the Fourth Infantry of the U.S. Army from October 14, 1942, to September 25, 1945. Orval landed on Utah Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944, and he fought in the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944. In April of 1945, Orval and the soldiers of the Eighth Regiment assisted in the liberation of the concentration camp in Dachau. He was awarded two Purple Hearts for his service. He also received a Bronze Star and the French Legion of Honor, as well as several other medals.

After completing his military service, he started O.H. Mullen Sales in the 1950s and owned and operated the business until the mid-1980s. His company manufactured, sold, and distributed archery equipment. He married Luella Conley on October 24, 1942, and they were together for 74 years until her passing in

2016. They had three children: Dr. Orval Lee Mullen, James Mullen of Oakwood, and Judith Wieging of Willshire. The family has grown to include grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who will join the community in best wishes for his 100th birthday.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Orval Mullen's 100th birthday. Orval is most worthy of this recognition, and I thank him for serving our country. On behalf of the people of the Fifth Congressional District of Ohio, I wish Orval a very happy birthday and his family all the best.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARIE NEWMAN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 11, 2022

Ms. NEWMAN. Madam Speaker, I was regrettably detained during the following votes in question. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 286, YEA on Roll Call No. 392.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF OSCAR G. JOHNSON VAMC DIRECTOR JAMES RICE

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 11, 2022

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the 33-year career of the Director of the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center, James Rice. Through his commitment to our Veterans and his local communities, James has become an indispensable part of the State of Michigan, the Upper Peninsula, and northern Wisconsin.

James was born in Clare, MI and attended Central Michigan University for his Bachelor's and Master's degrees. Following college, he started his career in the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) in 1990 as the Safety & Occupational Health Manager at the Allen Park VAMC in southeastern Michigan. In addition, he served in a VHA leadership position in Washington, D.C., as the Acting Director of Safety and Technical Services. After successfully serving in multiple roles within the Veterans Integrated Services Network (VISN) 11 and 12 for over two decades, James was appointed to Acting Director for the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center in 2011.

Under Director Rice's outstanding leadership, Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center continues to set the national standard for medical care within the VHA and serves tens of thousands of our nation's Veterans across the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and northern Wisconsin. Along with his work at the Iron Mountain VAMC, he oversaw six Community Based Outpatient Clinics in Michigan and Wisconsin including Ironwood, Hancock, Marquette, Menominee, Sault Ste Marie and Rhinelander to offer Veterans the support and care they need closer to home. In addition, Oscar G. Johnson continues to receive 5-star ratings from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and has been nationally recognized through several VHA-related

awards including the Best Experience Award for Level 3 Medical Centers, the Best Patient Experience Award, and the Dickinson County Chamber of Commerce's "Large Business of the Year Award." For fiscal year 2021, James was also awarded the Meritorious Executive Presidential Rank Award for his decades of leadership in VISN 11 and 12 and longtime dedication to our Veterans.

Madam Speaker. I ask you to join me in honoring the career and service of Director James Rice. The example he has set over the last three decades inspires us all and will continue to do so for future successors of his position, Michigan and Wisconsin's retired servicemembers, their families, caregivers, and the VA staff he proudly led will forever be thankful for his contributions. We wish him the best on his future endeavors and look forward to seeing what his next mission will be.

COMMENDING ISRAEL-BAHRAIN SECURITY COOPERATION AGREEMENT

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 11, 2022

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the historic signing of the security cooperation agreement between Israel and Bahrain, which took place on February 3, 2022. This security agreement is the first of its kind between Israel and a Gulf nation.

Since Bahrain signed the 2020 Abraham Accords and took the important step of normalizing relations with Israel, the two countries have significantly deepened their bilateral relationship. Israeli Defense Minister Benny Gantz travelled to Manama, Bahrain's capital, to sign this agreement and celebrates the agreement as "a new high point" in the countries' relationship.

The MoU agreement is designed to help advance intelligence cooperation, establish a framework for military exercises and strengthen ties between the countries' defense industries. As Israel and Bahrain continue to strengthen their cooperation, the signing of this memorandum of understanding (MoU) is a key step.

This historic agreement comes at a time of increased danger in the region as Iran continues to threaten the security of its neighbors. The MoU will help deepen regional security cooperation and resilience, which is critical to defending the interests of the United States, Israel, Bahrain, and many other countries in the region.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF JOE WHITESIDE

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 11, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the distinguished accomplishments of Cadet Chief Petty Officer Joe Whiteside of Killingworth, Connecticut. As a young resident of Eastern Connecticut, Cadet Whiteside's committed service to the